

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

In the Office Action, the Examiner requires specific indication that no new matter has been added per the Amendment filed October 1, 2003.

The Examiner further requires specific cancellation of Fig. 3.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

As requested by the Examiner, Applicant proposes indicating that no new matter has been added per the Amendment filed October 1, 2003, and canceling Fig. 3. Accordingly, claim 1 is pending for further consideration.

Objection to the Specification

In the Office Action, the Examiner requires specific indication that no new matter has been added per the Amendment filed October 1, 2003.

As required in the Office Action, Applicant hereby states that no new matter has been added per the Amendment filed October 1, 2003.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection to the Specification.

Objection to the Drawings

In the Office Action, the Examiner requires specific cancellation of Fig. 3.

As required in the Office Action, Applicant hereby specifically cancels Fig. 3 as indicated above.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection to the Drawings.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing and the reasons presented per the Amendment filed December 24, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of the response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

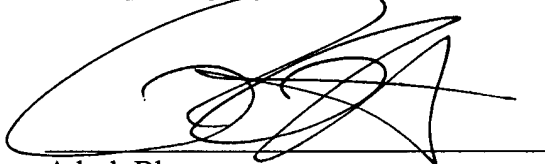
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Respectfully submitted,

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